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A surgical instrument system is disclosed. The surgical instrument system comprises an end effector movable between an open configuration and a closed configuration when a closing motion is applied to the end effector, a firing member configured to perform a staple firing stroke when a firing motion is applied to the firing member, and a handle comprising a closure actuator operable to generate the closing motion and a firing actuator. The surgical instrument system further comprises a motor configured to generate the firing motion, wherein the firing actuator is operable to operate the motor, a lockout configured to prevent the firing member from performing the staple firing stroke prior to the operation of the closure actuator, and a battery positioned in the handle.

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